

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
Please keep all the sick and housebound in your prayers.

RECENTLY DECEASED



Let us pray for all those who have died recently. We also pray for all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time. May they Rest in Peace. **Please keep their families in your prayers.**

Every life is unique and special, especially at their passing. If you would like a 'paragraph eulogy' included in the bulletin, please contact Father Pat.

ROTAS FOR 26th/27th SEPTEMBER 2026 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READERS: Sat 26 6.30pm Ellen O'Hare

Sun 27 8.30am Angela Dryden

Sun 27 10.00am Maia Johnson, Chris Banks

EUCCHARISTIC Sat 26 6.30pm (C) Bernadette Collins, Carmen Bennett, Rita Aston

MINISTERS: Sun 27 8.30am (C) Barry Canning, Christina Morris, Jacques Honore

Sun 27 10.00am (C) Carlton Rose, Anthony Brown, Denise Williams

FLOWERS: Sat 26 Fiona **COUNTERS:** Sun 27 Philip Ogden & Jennie Dolphin

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Leader: Joyti **Helper:** Teena

TEA & COFFEE: Sun 27 Paddy/Catherine **BULLETIN:** Ruth (Office)

DONA CARD READER

Remember to use our contactless card reader for all your donations. Donations can also be made by scanning the QR code so you could donate from home when you are having a cup of coffee or tea.

With grateful thanks.



OUR BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for notices to be included in the weekly bulletin is **Thursday evening at the latest**. All notices should be sent by **email** to: olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk or given to Father Pat.

SAFEGUARDING WEEKLY NOTICE

"The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. **Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Jo Browne.** She can be contacted at: sg.olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns."

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Reg. Charity No: 234216

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145(144):2-3. 8-9.

17-18 (R) 18a

(R) The Lord is close to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
The Lord is great and highly to be praised;
his greatness cannot be measured. (R)

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth. (R)

Second reading

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Open our hearts, O Lord,
that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

Communion Antiphon

Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be
carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

**2nd Collection for
Catholic Evangelisation**

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**SUNDAY 20th-27th SEPTEMBER 2026
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

SAT 19 EXPOSITION 10am-11am

MASS 6.30pm Anne & Ivor Pimm R.I.P.
B'day & 76th Wed. Ann.

SUN 20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS 8.30am Graham Young R.I.P.
MASS 10.00am Martin Kirk R.I.P.

**MON 21 Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist
NO MASS**

TUE 22 EUCHARISTIC SERVICE 6.00pm.

**WED 23 Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina
NO MASS**

**THU 24 Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham
EUCHARISTIC SERVICE 6.00pm.
ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 6.30pm**

FRI 25 NO MASS

**SAT 26 EXPOSITION 10am-11am
MASS 6.30pm** Celebrant's Intention

**SUN 27 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
MASS 8.30am** Mary Jenkins R.I.P.
MASS 10.00am People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS & APPOINTMENTS

**Due to Fr. Pat being away, there will be NO
confessions until 10th October 2026**
If you wish to make an appointment to see Fr Pat
please ring the office or email.



GOSPEL REFLECTION - 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

According to our human understanding of justice it does seem unfair that the workers who have worked all day "in the heat" were paid no more than those who had worked one hour. That is the point. We see events and actions our way not God's. As God says in the First Reading "my thoughts are not your thoughts my ways are not your ways". The vineyard owner promised one denarius to the first workers if they worked for him. God promises us eternal life if we follow Him. That is the deal. If the vineyard owner wants to pay the last workers one denarius so be it. It is his choice. So, if God wishes to offer eternal life to those who only turn to God at the end of their life what right have we to complain. Remember, however, that it must be a true conversion. If it is, and I am truly of God, not only should I not feel angry I should rejoice. *God bless. Fr Pat*

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

On **Sunday 20th September**, we will celebrate **Home Mission Sunday**, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate our faith in these lands and our shared commitment to communicate the beauty and the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. Celebrating the Holy Father's first encyclical, the theme for this year is "Magnifica Humanitas" as the heart of mission. We can celebrate together the call the Holy Father has placed before us to live out our authentic humanity which finds its fullness in Christ. More details about this can be found on the Bishops' Conference website: [Home Mission Sunday - Catholic Bishops' Conference](http://www.bishopsconference.org.uk/home-mission-sunday).



The Second Collection this weekend is to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Through the Mission Directorate, we support our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales. Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can. Thank you.



KENELM YOUTH TRUST PROGRAMME LEADER VACANCIES

Kenelm Youth Trust is seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our team as Programme Leaders. These roles involve delivering engaging retreat and outdoor learning programmes for children and young people within the Archdiocese of Birmingham. If you are passionate about youth ministry, education, and helping young people grow in faith and confidence, we would love to hear from you. For full details and to apply, please visit: www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/kenelmvacancies

TUESDAY TODDLER TIME 10.00am till 11.30am

Hello, we are trying to restart Toddler Time in the Parish Hall but **need one person** to help another adult set up from **9.30am till 10am**. Could you help?



OUR LADY OF SORROWS

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows whose feast day is on the **15th September**. **Here is a daily prayer for September** -

O most sorrowful mother Mary, Your heart was pierced with a sword of sorrow, Yet it remained always faithful, always loving, always united with your Son.

Teach me to accept my own sufferings, To unite my pains with yours and with Jesus and to trust that even in darkness, God is working. Holy Mother of Sorrows, pray for us. Amen. (@SrRachaelDSH)

The **Seven Sorrows of Mary** are seven moments of profound suffering in the life of the Virgin Mary, traditionally listed as Simeon's prophecy, the flight into Egypt, the loss of Jesus in the Temple, meeting Jesus on the way to Calvary, the Crucifixion, receiving Jesus' body, and His burial.

RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

ALL children's enquiry forms which must be completed by **Sunday 20th September at the 10.00am Mass** and handed in to Margaret Hamm. There will be more details to follow. *N.B. If the Candidate was not Baptised at Our Lady and Saint Hugh Parish Witney, please include a photocopy of their Baptismal Certificate with this form.*

Welcome to
Children's Liturgy



PLEASE HELP GROW OUR CHILDREN'S FAITH

We urgently need volunteers for our Children's Liturgy. The group of children is growing rapidly but only a few volunteers remain. **No experience or preparation required** just a willing heart and a little of your time. **All materials are prepared for you**, including a short gospel reading and colouring sheets. **Plenty of support will be provided.** If you can help, **please contact Father Pat**. Thank you.



LUNCH CLUB IN OCTOBER

Please join us in the Parish Room for our Lunch Club on **Tuesday, 6th October** from 12.30 to 2.00pm. The cost of the two course meal followed by tea or coffee will be £5, and all are welcome.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Harvest Family Fast Day will be on Friday 2nd October 2026.



This Family Fast Day, we are sharing a story of our work from northern Zimbabwe. Drought left communities facing severe food and water shortages. Twelve-year-old Tayla told us she arrived at school hungry and tired after fetching water for her family. She struggled to concentrate and feared she would fall behind in her studies.

But thanks to the generosity of parishes like yours, our local Caritas partners worked with Tayla's school and community to build a solar-powered water system. The school has safe water for drinking and for growing vegetables, meaning they can provide nutritious meals to the children all year round, helping them to stay in education and develop their God-given talents.